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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for attempted armed bank robbery and participating in a conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery.

Daniel D. Salazar, 21, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to two years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

Salazar contacted the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department on May 13, 2004, and offered to provide information about the attempted robbery of Bank of America, 8550 Holmes in Kansas City, that occurred the day before. Local television and newspaper media had advertised a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for that attempted robbery and related unsolved bank robberies, Graves explained, and **Salazar** hoped to claim that reward by providing information about the robbers.

In the course of their investigation, Graves said, law enforcement officers learned that **Salazar** was one of three men who participated in the attempted bank robbery.

On Sept. 8, 2004, **Salazar** pleaded guilty to the charges contained in an Aug. 10, 2004 federal indictment. On Sept. 23, 2004, co-defendants **James E. Bowman**, 39, and **Jimmy J. Bowman**, 41, both of Kansas City, were convicted by a federal jury of conspiracy, attempted armed bank robbery, use of a firearm during a crime of violence, and being felons in possession of a firearm.

Salazar, along with the **Bowman** brothers, confronted an employee who routinely cleans the Bank of America building at 8550 Holmes in Kansas City, as he arrived for work at 5:40 a.m. on May 12, 2004. **Jimmy Bowman**, who was carrying a handgun, forced the employee to open the door as **James Bowman** and **Salazar** approached. The robbers repeatedly ordered the

employee to open the bank's vaults and teller drawers, Graves said, but he told them he did not have access to any of the bank's money. When the robbers realized the employee was not able to provide them with any money, they left the bank.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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